

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application. Applicant has submitted a new complete claim set showing marked up claims with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) In a computer system having a graphical user interface and a user interface selection device, a method of providing the user interface for selection therefrom, comprising:

automatically maintaining information about a sequence of places visited on-with
the computer system by a user, the sequence ~~extending across~~ including places visited
by a plurality of different applications, where the sequence is maintained by
automatically adding the places to the sequence when the user visits the places, where
the maintaining is performed such that multiple places visited using a same application
can exist in the sequence, and where the places in the sequence are ordered according
to the order in which they are visited;

~~displaying, as part of a display of~~ while displaying a first application of the
plurality of applications, providing a first selection mechanism associated with the
automatically maintained sequence of places ~~according to the information~~ visited on the
computer system by the user; and

in response to a user-input signal indicative of a selection of the first selection
mechanism, navigating to a place in the sequence that is in a second application of the
plurality.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein navigating to a place comprises navigating to a previous place in the sequence.
3. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein the first selection mechanism comprises a back button.
4. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising: displaying, along with the display of the first application, a second selection mechanism associated with the sequence of places according to the ~~information~~sequence, the selection of which navigates to the next place in the sequence of places.
5. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein the second selection mechanism comprises a forward button.
6. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein the first selection mechanism comprises a back button.
7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
displaying, along with the display of the first application, a second selection mechanism; and
in response to a signal indicative of a selection of the second selection mechanism, displaying a representation of ~~the information about~~ the sequence of places.
8. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein displaying the representation of ~~the information~~ comprises displaying a recent places page comprising, for each of the places, a place link associated with the place.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, further comprising:
in response to a signal indicative of a selection of one of the place links,
navigating to the place associated with the one place link.
10. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
maintaining information about applications that have been displayed on the
computer system; and
displaying for each of the applications, according to the information about
applications, a representation of the application.
11. (original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:
in response to a signal indicative of a selection of one of the representations,
taking action with respect to the application associated with the representation.
12. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein each of the representations for each
of the applications comprises a representation of a place most recently visited by the
application.
13. (original) The method of claim 12, further comprising:
in response to a signal indicative of a selection of a representation of a most
recently visited place, displaying the most recently visited place in the respective
application.
14. (original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:
in response to a signal indicative of a first selection of one of the
representations, displaying the application associated with the representation; and

in response to a signal indicative of a second selection of one of the representations, displaying places that have been displayed in the application.

15. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the second selection comprises providing a menu that displays places that have been displayed in the application.

16. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the second selection comprises displaying a recent places page that displays the places that have been displayed in the application.

17. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
maintaining information about each of the places, the information including a reference to page code used to implement the place.

18. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the information about each of the places includes a reference to data that is combined with the page code to display the place.

19. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein the information about each of the places includes view state information for the place.

20. (original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method recited in claim 1.

21. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the second application includes display information associated therewith, and further comprising overriding the display

information so as to display the place in the second application in accordance with drawing functions provided by the user interface.

22. (currently amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the overriding comprises suppressing the display information.

23. (currently amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the overriding comprises rerouting the display information to the drawing functions of the shell component.

24. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first application is displayed in a first application window, and wherein navigating to the place in the second application comprises displaying the place in a second application window that is not the same as the first application window.

25. (currently amended) In a computer system having a graphical user interface and a user interface selection device, a method of providing the user interface for selection therefrom, comprising:

automatically maintaining information about a sequence of places visited on with a computer by a user, the sequence extending across including places visited by at least two different applications, where the sequence is maintained by automatically adding the places to the sequence when the user visits the places, where the maintaining is performed such that multiple places visited using a same application can exist in the sequence, and where the places in the sequence are ordered according to the order in which they are visited;

displaying, as part of a display of a first application, a first link associated with the sequence of places according to the ~~information~~sequence; and

in response to a signal indicative of a selection of the first link, displaying a recent places page including a representation of ~~the information about the sequence of~~ places.

26. (currently amended) The method of claim 25, wherein displaying the representation of the ~~information~~ sequence comprises for each of the places, a place link associated with the place.

27. (original) The method of claim 26, further comprising:
in response to a signal indicative of a selection of one of the place links,
navigating to the place associated with the one place link.

28. (original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method recited in claim 25.

29. (currently amended) In a computer system having a graphical user interface and a user interface selection device, a method of providing the user interface for selection therefrom, comprising:

automatically maintaining ~~information about~~ sequences of places visited for respective different applications configured to run on the computer system, where the sequences are maintained by, for each application, when a user visits a place with the application, automatically adding the to the application's sequence, where the maintaining is performed such that multiple places visited using a same application can exist in the sequence, and where the places in each sequence are ordered according to the order in which they are visited;

simultaneously displaying, for each of the applications, ~~according to the information about applications,~~ a representation corresponding to the application, such that the representation is displayed as part of at least one of the applications; and
in response to a signal indicative of a selection of one of the representations, displaying the sequence of places that have been visited by the application.

30. (original) The method of claim 29, wherein each of the representations for each of the applications comprises a representation of a place most recently visited by the application.

31. (original) The method of claim 30, further comprising:
in response to a signal indicative of a selection of a representation of a most recently visited place, displaying the most recently visited place in the respective application.

32. (currently amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the displaying places that have been visited by the application comprises opening a menu that displays places that have been displayed in the application.

33. (currently amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the displaying places that have been visited by the application comprises displaying a recent places page that displays the places that have been displayed in the application.

34. (original) The method of claim 29, wherein the representations of the applications are displayed on a selection bar.

35. (original) The method of claim 29, wherein the representations of the applications are displayed on a recent applications page.

36. (original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method recited in claim 29.

37. (currently amended) In a computer system, a method of navigating between places that have been visited by the computer system, comprising:

automatically maintaining information about a sequence of places visited by a user in order of visitation, and, for each place visited, maintaining the place information including:

a reference to first executable code for displaying the place; and
a reference to a data object that is bound with the executable code to display the place;
altering the data object in a second executable code so as to form an altered data object; and

in response to a request for the place, binding the altered data object and the first executable code and displaying an altered place.

38. (currently amended) The method of claim 37, wherein the ~~information about the place~~ information includes view state information, and wherein the altered place is displayed according to the view state information.

39. (original) The method of claim 37, wherein the altered data object includes view state information, and wherein the altered place is displayed according to the view state information.

40. (original) The method of claim 37, wherein the altered place is displayed according to a view state registry.
41. (original) The method of claim 37, wherein the reference to the first executable code comprises a pointer to the first executable code.
42. (original) The method of claim 37, wherein the reference to the data object comprises a moniker.
43. (original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method recited in claim 37.
- 44–71. (cancelled)
72. (new) A computer system according to claim 1, wherein when different types of places visited by a same application are added to the sequence, and wherein types of places that can be added, if visited, include different user-activatable commands of the application and different documents opened by the application.
73. (new) A computer system according to claim 1, wherein the providing comprises displaying a navigation control for navigating forward and backward through the sequence.
74. (new) A computer readable media storing information for enabling a computing device to perform a process for tracking visits to places by a user of a computer system, where the computer system has a plurality of applications used by the user, the method comprising:

automatically generating a chronological sequence of places visited by a user, where the places visited are visited using a plurality of applications on the computing device, and where places visited include commands of the applications invoked by the user, documents on the computing device accessed via the applications, and web links accessed by the user; and

displaying a discrete graphical control that includes user-selectable representations of the places visited in an order corresponding to the order in which the places were visited, where selection of a representation by the user causes the representation's place visited to be activated by the computing device.